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1. QUAI DEPUTY DIRECTOR FOR USSR- EE AFFAIRS OMNES GAVE EMBOFF  
MAY 16 FOLLOWING RUNDOWN ON CURRENT DEVELOPMENTS IN FRENCH-  
SOVIET RELATIONS.

2. OMNES SAID PETITE COMMISSION WILL MEET IN PARIS AND GRANDE  
COMMISSION IN MOSCOW IN FIRST HALF OF JULY -- WITH FINANCE  
MINISTER GISCARD D'ESTAING HEADING FRENCH DELEGATION TO LATTER  
SESSION. ASKED HOW STUDIES PROGRESSING ON POSSIBLY RE-  
STRUCTURING THESE COMMISSIONS ( PARA 3 REFTEL), OMNES NOTED  
QUAI ECONOMIC DIRECTOR BRUNET PRESENTLY IN MOSCOW TO EXCHANGE  
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VIEWS ON THIS SUBJECT WITH SOVIET STATE COMMITTEE FOR SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY CHAIRMAN GVISHIANI. OMNES THOUGHT GRANDE AND PETITE COMMISSIONS PER SE WOULD PHASE OUT THIS SUMMER AND BE REPLACED BY A SINGLE NEW COMMISSION. ASKED IF THIS WOULD RESEMBLE " MIXED COMMISSION" IDEA OFTEN USED TO COORDINATE ECONOMIC RELATIONS BETWEEN EASTERN COMMUNIST AND WESTERN CAPITALIST STATES, OMNES REPLIED AFFIRMATIVELY. HE ADDED THAT NEW COMMISSION WOULD SIMPLY REPRESENT ATTEMPT TO INCREASE EFFICIENCY WITHOUT INTRODUCING MAJOR CHANGES IN FRANCE- SOVIET ECONOMIC AND SCIENTIFIC COOPERATION. ( SOVIET POL COUNS STOUPICHINE HAS ALSO TOLD EMBOFF THAT CONTEMPLATED CHANGES WOULD BE " ADMINISTRATIVE ONLY" AND WOULD HAVE " NO QUALITATIVE SIGNIFICANCE .)

3. OMNES SAID QUAI SEC STATE DE LIPKOWSKI WOULD VISIT MOSCOW " BEGINNING ABOUT MAY 26" FOR " FOUR OR FIVE DAYS." THIS VISIT SCHEDULED IN RESPONSE TO SOVIET INVITATION TO VISIT USSR PRIOR TO LIPKOWSKI' S RECENT RETURN TO QUAI; IT DOES NOT FALL UNDER 1971 PROTOCOL ON CONSULTATIONS. FROM MOSCOW, LIPKOWSKI WILL TRAVEL TO WARSAW FOR BRIEF VISIT BEFORE RETURNING TO PARIS.

4. OMNES COULD NOT YET GIVE EXACT DATES OF FOREIGN MINISTER JOBERT' S PLANNED VISIT TO USSR " AT END OF JULY OR EARLY AUGUST" ( PARIS 13108) , BUT HE SPECIFIED IT WOULD COME UNDER PROTOCOL AND PROVIDE OPPORTUNITY FOR EXTENSIVE TOUR D' HORIZON.

5. ASKED ABOUT EARLIER REPORT THAT A SOVIET DEP FON MIN WOULD COME TO PARIS THIS SPRING ( REFTEL), OMNES SAID FRENCH HAVE ASKED SOVIETS TO POSTPONE THIS VISIT UNTIL LATER IN YEAR, SINCE CALENDAR OF CONSULTATIONS WITH SOVIETS OVER NEXT FEW WEEKS ALREADY FULL.

6. WITHOUT GOING INTO DETAILS, OMNES NOTED FURTHER BILATERAL MINISTERIAL EXCHANGES IN COMING MONTHS WOULD INCLUDE TRIPS TO USSR BY SCIENCE MINISTER CHARBONNEL AND EDUCATION MINISTER FONTANET.

7. HE ALSO SAID QUAI EXPECTS NEW SOVIET AMBASSADOR CHERVENENKO TO ARRIVE IN FRANCE " BEFORE THE END OF MAY" -- PROBABLY IN TIME TO PARTICIPATE IN MAY 25 OPENING OF US-  
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SOVIET JOINT EXHIBIT AT PARIS AIR SHOW.

8. IN RESPONSE TO QUERY ABOUT AFP REPORT THAT GROMYKO HAD RECEIVED FRENCH AMBASSADOR VIMONT MAY 15, OMNES DESCRIBED MEETING ALONG LINES REPORTED MOSCOW 5540 BUT INDICATED, IN ADDITION, THAT GROMYKO HAD BRIEFED VIMONT ON DR. KISSINGER' S VISIT MAY 4-9.

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